

**RB COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**RB Branch Library**  
**August 24, 2006**

1. **Call to Order.** 7:03 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance led by Alethea Altenbern.
2. **Administrative Matters:**
  - **Roll Call:** All members present except Jim Adelman and Richard Aufderheide, unexcused.
  - **Minutes:** With a motion made by Dorothy Rischeberger and seconded by Dave Hall, the minutes were accepted with changes—correction to Dan McAllister’s title as SD *County* Treasurer and addition to the list of letters written by the Corresponding Secretary—by unanimous support.
  - **Corresponding Secretary’s report.** Alethea Altenbern sent:
    - A thank you letter was sent to Dan McAllister, San Diego County Treasurer and Tax Collector, for his presentation to the Council last month; and later a Happy Birthday fax was sent by Alethea, who noted when Dan mentioned his upcoming birthday in his presentation;
    - Three letters were sent to Tina Pope of Palomar Health, Marcia Jackson of the Chief Planning Office, Mike Shanahan (Chief Architect) thanking them for information about the Palomar Pomerado Hospital addition presented at the August Council meeting;
    - One thank you letter was sent to Mike Griffin, owner of Print Pros, for printing the Council business cards *free* of charge!
  - **Treasurer’s Report:** After Dorothy Rischeberger presented finances of the Council, showing a total of \$11,319.28 in savings and CDs, Jerry Coats made a motion that Robert Dunlap seconded to accept the report, which met with unanimous support.
3. **President’s Remarks:** After her customary welcome and instructions to the guests in attendance, Robin:
  - Apologized for the absence of a sound system, informing all that Council Member, Jim Adelman, has our sound equipment and has been conferring with members of the Planning Board to figure out how to get our own system working, and found that we are lacking one essential cord, which he will get for us;
  - Thanked Jim for taking on this task to get our sound system working;
  - Talked of two problems that RB Library has had, one concerning graffiti carved into some surfaces, and another with a backflow valve being stolen; the city will address the graffiti problem, and Robin suggested the library paint their valves blue to deter theft as the city has done;
  - Mentioned there will be a thank you in “Sun” paper to Print Pros for work done in behalf of the Council;
  - Reminded all that elections are coming up and the Council is in charge for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year;
  - Announced the recent resignations of Council Members, Eric Luthard and Norm Murkoff; and
  - Recognized Karen Rott for a job well done in laying a foundation for the Fire Station 33 Renovation.

Rapid turnover on Planning Boards in San Diego has prompted the City to adopt a rule requiring candidates for Board positions to attend at least three meetings before running for a seat, which Robin suggested that we consider asking the same of candidates in the upcoming election.

4. **Resident’s Remarks:** None.

5. **Government Relations Reports:**

**Courtney Smith** for **City Councilman Brian Maienschein** talked about our recent E-Coli scare, about which many residents were displeased with a less-than-effective notification process. Apparently, the water engineer sent a letter to the Mayor complaining of the same. The process was inadequate for reaching all citizens of RB, only using the media. It was suggested that such information be distributed by diverse means: radio, television, paper, public notice boards, websites, email, telephone or door-to-door (perhaps via Neighborhood

Watch). She assured us that officials were working to rectify the matter for future emergencies. Concerning the RB Inn and a condition placed on it to regulate speed on roadways to and from the Inn through the surrounding neighborhoods, a portable speed limit monitor will be moved quarterly to alternate between Bernardo Oaks Drive and Greens East. She reminded all of a new ordinance that bans smoking in public places, such as parks, beaches and pools, etc. that carries a fine of \$250 for violators. Guy asked why there was a delay in the notice regarding the e-coli outbreak, since the spill occurred on a Tuesday though public notice to boil drinking water was not given until the following Saturday. Courtney explained that initial tests, which take 24-hours for results, were negative for e-coli and other dangerous bacteria. The second test, which turned out positive, was conducted Thursday, and notification was made to the Mayor on Friday, but the weekend staff was ill-prepared to cope with situation. Myrna said the Mayor was not notified early enough. Microbiologist and Councilwoman, Karen Rott stated that these tests have not advanced over the years and they still take too long to yield results, and she characterized this as a "huge wake-up call" for RB and emergency preparedness. Courtney pointed out that, despite warnings, residents also were not prepared with 72-hours' worth of water storage, sending some scrambling to get bottled water.

**Gary Powers** for the **San Diego North Chamber** recapped recent activities of the Chamber, and mentioned several upcoming events hosted or promoted by the Chamber, such as: Scripps Ranch Expo with 52 booths, Carmel Mountain Ranch Festival's on October 8, and 4S Ranch's Fall Fest will be on November 5 at site of the new shopping center on RB Road. Volunteers are needed for all of these events. Business After 5 mixers is coming up on October 18 and November 15, and the Chamber annual Christmas party will be held at the California Bank & Trust on December 13. The Chamber will also resume its Nuts & Bolts seminars, and continue its many programs, services, seminars and meetings to benefit and promote business and professionals in the North County area. See the Chamber's website for details. Gary also noted that the SDNCC is opposed to "joint use" of MCAS and marines leaving the area. Robin mentioned the meeting discussing the Gregory Canyon Landfill issue is going on in Escondido this same night.

6. **Presentation:** None.

7. **Agenda Items – Voting:**

**A. District D – RB Swim & Tennis Vacancy Status: Christy Taylor**, of Gatewood Hills, is a real estate agent and an 8-year resident of RB with four children, ages 12-19. Janet Hoy moved and Jerry Coats seconded a motion to accept Christy for this seat. In the resulting discussion, it was noted by Karen Rott that our bylaws state that a person must present oneself to the Council one month, and be voted upon 30-days later at the following month's meeting. The wording of the Bylaws concerning filling vacancies was reviewed, and found to be unclear. Karen has another name she would like to nominate for this seat that could not attend the meeting, and asked that we wait until the following month to vote or allow her to present in behalf of her candidate of choice. Robin said that a candidate must be present to be considered, and that no one could present in his or her absence. Janet Hoy suggested a motion, seconded by Jerry that passed in a vote by a 14 to 1 in the affirmative to depart from the bylaws in this instance, since the Council has for its many years filled vacancies on the night of the presentation by a candidate. Christy was seated to represent District D with a vote of 14 yays and 1 nay.

**B. District F, Bernardo Heights Vacancy Status:** Joe Perna of RB submitted a speaker request form to nominate and introduce his wife, **Patti Perna** a native Californian, for this vacancy on the Council. Patti is active in their HOA, sits on the Traffic & Transportation committee, active volunteer with the Polanski Center for abused children, and works for Joe's tax preparation business. Joe also served on this Council 15 years ago. Guy Cargulia asked if tax season would pose a problem for her, but Joe and Patti said that she is not very busy at that time. Myrna Reese moved and Andrea Thomas seconded to seat Patti Perna, passed with unanimous support.

8. **Agenda Items – Non-voting: Review of Bylaws update.** Robin asked members to report any spelling, punctuation and typos directly to Diane via email, rather than in this meeting.

- 3.03 D – Agenda item for Executive Committee's September meeting for a rewrite.
- 4.09 C – Dorothy Risheberger asked that the amount to require Council approval for expenses should be changed from \$200 to \$100, to allow for tighter controls of spending. This sparked much discussion, from which it was determined to simply add the phrase "prior to expenditure".
- 5.01 C – Transpose words "voting" and "present".
- 5.01 D – Substitute the word "Council" for "Board".

- 5.01 E – Do not delete, as majority of the Council feels that there need to be minutes of the Executive Board’s meetings.
- 5.02 A #5 – Auditors should be “selected by the *Treasurer*” rather than the President.
- 5.02 A #6 – Add wording as per: The Public Relations Committee shall be composed of all newly elected Council Members, who are required to sit on this committee for the first year of service.
- 5.02 C – Specify that this applies to “each *Standing Committee*”.
- 5.02 D – Add word “Committee” after Standing.
- 5.02 – Need to include the MAD committee as a Standing Committee.
- 5.03 – Strike last sentence of initial paragraph.

The Council finished with Article V and will resume with Article VI in September.

## 9. **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Government Relations/Utilities:** Janet Hoy – On September 12 at Club 21, Stephen Lew will speak on the Kroll Report, which the committee considers a timely project. They will partner with the Chamber for a candidate debate.

**MAD:** Alethea Altenbern – On Saturday, August 26 the committee members will take a field trip to look over the strip of land along the sidewalk on the East side of Pomerado Road from Rios Road north to Rancho Bernardo Road. MAD is trying to decide what to plant in this space from a list of approved trees, provided.

**Programs:** Guy Cargulia – Presentations scheduled include Brian Maienschein for September Council meeting, a debate on the Airport MCAS issue on October 26, and possibly an ID Theft speaker.

**Public Relations:** Eric Luthard has stepped down from the Council for personal reasons. Robin announced she sent out an email to the PR committee asking if someone would consider stepping up to be the new chair. Jim Adelman was the only one and, with permission, she asked if everyone approved her appointment of Jim Adelman. No one objected.

**Public Safety:** Karen Rott has also regrettably stepped down as chair of this committee, which will have a rotating chair until a permanent appointment can be made; as no one has stepped up to chair the committee. Robin announced she would run the September meeting.

**Traffic & Transportation:** Robin Kaufman – Next meeting will be Monday, where they will address many agenda items. Last month residents from the Trails HOA came to request another V-tech speed sign, though it was not an agenda voting item. Robin consulted the city Traffic Control department in their behalf and found that these residents were in violation over the first sign, having not submitted the proper forms.

**Fire Station 33 Ad Hoc:** Karen Rott – Thanked Robin for her kind words earlier in the meeting. There is \$3,502 in the San Diego foundation, but if one includes the in-kind donations of about \$11k and the un-billed architectural fees it is quite a sum. Karen handed out information about the project, reminding all that she and others have been about this project for a year now, and she is proud to share in the progress. She announced her resignation as chair, promising to help her replacement in the transition to lead this committee.

## 10. **Liaison Reports:**

**Planning Board:** Myrna Reese – The main issue before the Board involves 2.5 acres owned by PUSD, which wishes to swap it out to a developer for mixed condo/single-residential homes, though that would require an amendment to the Community Plan. Patti mentioned that meetings on this matter were going on right now.

**Recreation Council:** Robin Kaufman – Annual Dog Park fundraiser is set for October 22, where paying participants may (among other things) have a photo with their dog!

Adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Diane Peters.